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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
MATSUMOTO et al.)
Serial No. 09/818,743)
Filed: March 27, 2001)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND)
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)

Group Art Unit: 2812
Examiner: Ghyka, George Alexander

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated Nov. 29, 2002, the response due date being due by Monday, March 31, 2003 (March 29 was a Saturday) by the enclosed petition for a one month extension of time, please enter and consider the following.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph on lines 6-10 of page 1 and insert the following in its place:

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--Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-086607, filed March 27, 2000, is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/817,935 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice

Please amend claims 9-13, 15 and 17-20 as follows:

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